

APPROVED

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Friday, August 20, 2004
6603 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230
Conference Room 4**

Department of Health Professions

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

PRESIDING: Gayle Garnett, P.T., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Gieck, P.T.
Damien Howell, P.T.
Maureen Lyons, P.T.
Lorraine Quinn, P.T.A.
J.R. Locke, Citizen Member
Lisa D. Shoaf, Ph.D., P.T

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst
Jeanette Meade, Administrative Assistant
Pam Horner, Administrative Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: None

GUESTS: None

QUORUM: With seven members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Howell made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Shoaf, that the Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting on May 7, 2004, with amendments which carried unanimously.

Mr. Howell made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept the minutes of the Special Conference Committee of June 18, 2004, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of New Board Member

J.R. Locke, CEO of EBM Inc of Virginia Beach introduced himself and now serves as the newly appointed Citizen Member to the Board.

Regulatory/Legislative Committee

Elaine Yeatts, Policy Analyst discussed the Emergency Regulations for delegation of informal fact-finding to an agency subordinate. She reminded the Board of its amended General Regulations to become effective on September 8, 2004.

Dr. Shoaf made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lyons to send a post-card notice to all licensees about the new regulations and to request E-mail information from the licensees as well.

Board of Health Professions Board Meeting of July 15, 2004

Joe Gieck, Board representative for the Board of Health Professions, provided a brief summary of the meetings of the Board of Health Professions on July 15, 2004.

Credentialing of Foreign-Educated Student

Dr. Shoaf made motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lyons, for the Board to submit a notice of intended regulatory action regarding its examination of other credentialing organizations that meet similar standards. The Board proposed to amend 18 VAC 112-20-50 (A) of the regulations. Two other credentialing evaluation agencies are using the FCCPT coursework tool.

FSBPT

Dr. Shoaf and Ms. Garnett will attend the Annual Conference in September 2004. Dr. Shoaf expanded on the news releases from the APTA and FSBPT.

Interpretation Questions

The Board received a letter from Tidewater Physical Therapy asking if PTAs can perform functional capacity evaluations. In response, the Board cited its definition of evaluation as provided in 18 VAC 112-20-10 of its regulations. It states that evaluations are only performed

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by physical therapists.

The Board reviewed a letter from RM Health Options regarding the performance of dry needling by a physical therapist without the referral of a physician. The Board replied that it will take the licensee's suggestions under advisement for possible future legislative amendment.

Martha Jefferson Hospital wrote the Board regarding use of aids to provide therapy services in a home health setting. The Board emphatically cited 18 VAC 112-20-100 (A&B) and emphasized the physical therapist's and physical therapist assistant's responsibilities in providing services. Also, the regulation cites the direct supervision of support personnel by the licensed entities. Also, the Board referred the inquirer to the definition of direct supervision in 18 VAC 112-20-10 and the responsibilities of patients in 18 VAC 112-20-120 of the regulations.

The Board reviewed a letter from Kathy Pfaff requesting whether the scope of practice of physical therapy changes in a home setting environment. The Board cited 54.1-3473, "practice of physical therapy" and that the setting does not change or alter the practice of physical therapy.

The Board reviewed an E-Mail from Emily Miller asking if a PTA can perform functional capacity evaluations in Virginia. The Board cited the definition of evaluation and responded that only PTs may perform evaluations.

Ms. Lyons presented information regarding Iontophoresis. The Board deferred discussion until additional research information may be obtained from the Board of Pharmacy by Board staff.

Dr. Shoaf posed questions about telehealth and its impact on the profession of physical therapy. Ms. Young stated that she would provide the Report on Telehealth by BHP.

VPTA Newsletters

The Board reviewed general information from the organization. The Board was provided the information of the Upcoming Conference in Richmond.

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OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director's Report:

Licensee Statistics: PT – 4,453; PTA's- 1,631

Disciplinary Cases: 30

The Board calendar and budget were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded a motion was made by and seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

W. Gayle Garnett, P.T., Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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